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FOR USDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TIMING OF PUBLICATION OF WHITE PAPER

1. WE APPRECIATE THAT OWEN WISHES TO KEEP HIS OPTIONS
OPEN ON WHETHER TO HAVE WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED WHILE HE
IS IN SALISBURY (SEPTEMBER 1) OR UPON HIS RETURN
TO LONDON (SEPTEMBER 2). HOWEVER, LACK OF PRECISE DATE
IS COMPLICATING OUR PREPARATIONS AT THIS END FOR ANCILLARY
ACTIONS, E.G. INFORMING MCNAMARA AT WORLD BANK, OTHER
ZIMBABWE FUND CO-DONORS, PRESS, ETC.

2. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM BRITISH EMBASSY THAT FCO
HAS SUGGESTED TO OWEN THAT APPROACH TO ZDF CO-DONORS BE
MADE ON AUGUST 30 BECAUSE NORDIC FONMINS MEET ON SEPTEMBER-
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BER 1 OR 2. FCO BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO
MAKE THE APPROACH PRIOR TO THAT MEETING. WE HAD
TENTATIVELY AGREED WITH BRITISH HERE THAT APPROACH
TO CO-DONORS WOULD BE ON D-DAY MINUS ONE, THAT IS,
EITHER AUGUST 31 OR SEPTEMBER 1, DEPENDING ON DATE OF
PUBLICATION. IF OWEN WANTS ZDF APPROACH ON AUGUST 30,
DOES HE ALSO WISH TO HAND OVER TEXT OF PROPOSALS AT THAT

TIME, WHICH MAY BE THREE DAYS BEFORE THEIR PUBLICATION?

3. IN SUM, IF YOU THINK IT APPROPRIATE, WE WOULD
LIKE YOU TO ENCOURAGE A DECISION FROM OWEN NOW ON
WHEN HE WANTS TO MAKE THE PROPOSALS PUBLIC.

CHRISTOPHER

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